

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of May 30, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 2 is amended to clarify that the first message is configured to cause the entity to perform an action and to update the first and second security fields to indicate the action has been performed, and the second message is configured to cause the entity to update the first and second security fields to indicate that the action has not been performed;

independent claim 3 is amended to clarify that the first attempted write included a first data value for the data field and first and second security values for the first and second security fields respectively which allow writing of the first data value, and the second write includes third and fourth security values for the first and second security fields respectively which do not allow writing of the first data value; and

dependent claims 4-7, 15-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application as the amended features are described, for example, at paragraphs [7120]-[7236] of the present specification.

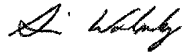
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 2 and 3, and dependent claims 4-7 and 15-18, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Serizawa in view of newly cited Kane et al. (US 5,315,635), because neither Serizawa nor Kane teach or suggest performing a second write after an unsuccessful first write, where the first write was to cause an entity to perform an action or have a data value written thereto and the second write prevent performance of the action or writing of the data value, as is specifically required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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